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Vrakas Calls for Reduction in County Board Size

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that he has directed the Department of Parks and Land Use to develop redistricting maps that would reduce the size of the County Board.

“The time is right for Waukesha County to streamline the legislative branch in an effort to improve operational efficiencies that save taxpayer dollars,” said Vrakas.

After reviewing the redistricting maps, Vrakas plans to introduce an ordinance in a few weeks that, if passed by the County Board, would reduce the number of county supervisory districts from 35 to 25 or 19 members. Supervisors are paid an annual salary of \$9121, which will increase to \$9281 this April. Reducing the board’s membership could save county taxpayers more than \$115,000 annually.

The passage of Wisconsin Senate Bill 4, which Gov. Doyle signed today at 9:30 a.m., prompted Vrakas to announce his plans.

“I want to thank Sen. Kanavas (R-33) and Rep. Underheim (R-54) for introducing legislation that allows a County Board to reduce its size without having to wait until the next decennial redistricting plan,” added Vrakas. “It took tremendous courage for these two legislators to author this important change. Residents throughout the state of Wisconsin should be proud of their work on this initiative.”

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“While my proposal may not be implemented for a couple of years, I believe that it is an important topic of discussion during the County Board elections this April,” said Vrakas.

County Board Supervisors are elected officials that serve 2-year terms in even numbered years. The next election is on Tuesday, April 4.

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